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LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF UNIVERSITIES BY MAEF
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) proposes to set up five universities for the minority communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the places identified for setting up of such universities and the estimated expenditure thereon; and

(c) the present status of the proposed universities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING)

(a) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), a Registered Society under the administrative control of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, is considering to support the setting up of six Central Universities in minority concentration areas in order to promote higher education among minorities in the country.

(b) and (c) This Ministry in consultation with Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), has proposed to upgrade three existing Centres of AMU at Kishanganj (Bihar), Murshidabad (West Bengal) and Mallapuram (Kerala) into full-fledged Universities. Moreover, three more locations at Kolar (Karnataka), Ajmer (Rajasthan) and Amethi (Uttar Pradesh) have been identified for establishment of the proposed Universities. Ministry has also asked EdCIL (India) Limited, an undertaking of Ministry of Human Resource Development, to prepare the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the proposed Universities. The DPRs have been received which are under examination.

However, the establishment of these Universities would entirely depend on the agreement with AMU, and the concerned State Governments and land made available by them. The Ministry has taken up the matter with AMU. The Ministry has also written tothe State Governments of Karnataka, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Government of Uttar Pradesh has suggested that in addition to Amethi, it would also be appropriate to consider Saharanpur, Bijnor, Rampur and J.P. Nagar districts which have minority population more than 40% as per 2001 Census for establishment of Central Universities.However, Government of Uttar Pradesh has not conveyed the allotment of land. The allotment of land from Government of Karnataka and Rajasthan is also awaited.